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BUTTERFLY PROGRAMS SCHEDULED AT SAVANNAH AND PINCKNEY ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Butterfly programs are being offered at Savannah and Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuges in celebration of National Pollinator Week (June 15-21, 2015). Events include training sessions and an official 2015 Butterfly Count in conjunction with the North American Butterfly Association (NABA). The full schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Butterfly Walk-About – PINCKNEY ISLAND NWR:

Participants will conduct field observations of butterflies at Pinckney National Wildlife Refuge. We will travel on-foot as a group to several sites on the refuge. The count will last until about 12:00 p.m. weather permitting. Please come for all or just part of the day. We will meet at 9:30 am in the parking lot and walk together to the butterfly garden and Ibis Pond, identifying butterflies along the way.

Saturday, June 6, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – NABA Butterfly Count – SAVANNAH NWR:

Participants will conduct a day of field observations counting butterflies along the trail system and within various habitats of Savannah National Wildlife Refuge. The count will last until about 4:00 p.m. weather permitting. We will meet at 9:00 am in the Savannah Visitor Center and then split into groups heading to different locations within the refuge. We will reconvene back at the Visitor Center at the end of the day and compile species lists.

These programs are free. Appropriate clothing is required of all participants, including long-pants and closed-toed shoes that attach to the feet. Sun protection, bug spray, water, snacks, and a sack lunch are recommended. For more information please contact Theresa Thom, Aquatic Ecologist, Savannah NWR, theresa_thom@fws.gov (843) 784-6262 (office); (706) 201-1846 (cell).

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